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ENGLISH

Subject Number: M052/I

Monday, 3 July

Time Allowed: 1 h 45 min
2:00 – 3:45 pm

PAPER I

(70 marks)

Instructions

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages. Please check.
2. The paper has two sections, A and B.
3. Write your Examination Number on all pages of the question paper.
4. In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered.
5. At the end of the examination, hand in your paper to the invigilator.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns		Marker's Name
1 - 5				
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16-20				
21-25				
26-30				
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Section A (30 marks)

Answer **all** questions in this section by encircling the letter corresponding to the correct answer for each question.

In questions 1 – 18, choose the option (A, B, C, or D) that best completes the sentence.

1. He was dismissed _____ allegations that he lied and stole company property.
A. for
B. at
C. through
D. on
2. We were all stunned _____ the revelations contained in the letter.
A. with
B. by
C. at
D. to
3. The players are already _____ the pitch, waiting for the referee.
A. in
B. to
C. on
D. at
4. Tiwonge insisted _____ buying the present for her friend.
A. with
B. on
C. at
D. in
5. My grandfather recovered quickly because we looked _____ him very well.
A. after
B. for
C. on
D. over
6. Most learners are now adhering _____ the school's revised rules.
A. by
B. with
C. at
D. to
7. Chikondi looked around in amazement as he alighted _____ the bus.
A. on
B. in
C. from
D. by
8. The heavy thunderstorm blew _____ the roofs of the new institution.
A. up
B. away
C. off
D. Out

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9. The athletes were told to converge _____ the field track an hour before the race.
A. to
B. by
C. on
D. at
10. He has sent the _____ of his new book for publishing.
A. draft
B. manuscript
C. script
D. document
11. We consulted a qualified _____ to come up with the plan of the church building.
A. designer
B. engineer
C. builder
D. architect
12. The head girl was advised to _____ her responsibilities to her deputy.
A. share
B. offer
C. delegate
D. distribute
13. Mosquitoes _____ in a swamp unless it is drained.
A. will breed
B. will be breeding
C. bred
D. breed
14. If the message had been sent in time, she _____ prepared for the interview.
A. would have been
B. could have been
C. could be
D. would be
15. Nyanya had made many friends and he knew he _____ them, if he left.
A. would miss
B. would have missed
C. will miss
D. could miss
16. It was evident that Mkwinda was _____ by his wife's critical remarks.
A. put out
B. put away
C. put off
D. put down
17. The riots had already _____ when the police arrived.
A. died down
B. died away
C. died off
D. died out
18. The City Council members decided to _____ all the old buildings.
A. pull away
B. pull up
C. pull down
D. pull out

In questions 19 – 22, choose option (A, B, C or D) that best describes the underlined part of speech.

19. You will find some relief items stored in your house.
A. adverb
B. verb
C. conjunction
D. adjective
20. The room was big enough for the function.
A. noun
B. adjective
C. pronoun
D. adverb
21. Whom did Takondwa see at the meeting?
A. adverb
B. noun
C. adjective
D. conjunction
22. 'Does either of you play Bawo?' He asked them.
A. adjective
B. conjunction
C. pronoun
D. adverb

In questions 23 – 26, choose the order of adjectives (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences.

23. They are building a _____ room.
A. big comfortable reading
B. big reading comfortable
C. comfortable big reading
D. comfortable reading big
24. The flower girls carried _____ baskets.
A. tiny decorated bamboo
B. decorated tiny bamboo
C. tiny bamboo decorated
D. decorated tiny bamboo
25. The shop is now stocking _____ jewels.
A. precious new golden
B. new precious golden
C. golden precious new
D. new golden precious
26. The _____ animal made the film exciting.
A. enormous land scary
B. scary enormous land
C. land scary enormous
D. enormous scary land

In questions 27 – 30, choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best describes and gives the function of the underlined phrase or clause.

27. Have you visited the shop where they sell furniture?
- A. adjective clause, qualifying 'shop'
 - B. adjective phrase, qualifying 'shop'
 - C. adverb clause, modifying 'visited'
 - D. noun phrase, object of 'visited'
28. Before she accepted, she carefully considered the proposal.
- A. noun clause, subject of 'considered'
 - B. adverb phrase, modifying 'considered'
 - C. noun phrase, subject of 'considered'
 - D. adverb clause, modifying 'considered'
29. The villagers cannot understand why she left her parents.
- A. adverb clause, modifying 'understand'
 - B. noun clause, object of 'will 'understand'
 - C. adjective clause, qualifying 'villagers'
 - D. adverb phrase, qualifying 'understand'
30. The fact that he wants to marry a working lady is clear to his friends.
- A. adverb clause, modifying 'is clear'
 - B. adjective phrase, qualifying 'fact'
 - C. adjective clause, qualifying 'fact'
 - D. noun clause, in apposition to 'fact'

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Section B (40 marks)

Answer **one** question only. Spend the first **10 minutes** reading the questions and planning your answer to the question chosen. Planning may include writing rough notes. **Cross out** your rough notes before you hand in your script.

Marks will be awarded for layout, language, content and creativity. Candidates will be **penalised** for mechanical errors and writing answers that are short and/or off-point.

You are expected to write between **350** and **500 words** for the question you have chosen in the spaces provided on **pages 7 to 10**.

EITHER

31. Imagine that cases of mob justice in your area are on the increase. As a concerned member of the area, write a letter to the Officer-in-charge of the nearest police station informing him or her about the problem. (40 marks)

OR

32. Write an original short story entitled "A shocking revelation". (40 marks)

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